



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Mental Health Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

**Team Members Present:**

Elizabeth Aldred (Co-Chair)	Jon Martin	Angie Wollenhaupt
Dan Thompson (Co-Chair)	Michelle Larsuel	Mary Madden

**Team Members Absent:**

Hon. Maria Lazar	Andy Dresang	Danielle Birdeau
Maura McMahan		

**Others Present:**

Rebecca Luczaj	Kirk Yauchler (proxy for Birdeau)	Vicki Seibel-Garvey
Jennifer Wrucke		

Co-Chair Aldred called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

**Approve Minutes from October 20, 2021**

Motion: Larsuel moved, second by Thompson, to approve the Mental Health Committee minutes of October 20, 2021. Motion passed without a negative vote.

**Discuss and Consider Committee Membership Change**

Motion: Madden moved, second by Larsuel, to add Vicki Seibel-Garvey, DOC Regional Chief, as a member of the CJCC Mental Health Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote.

**Presentation: *Embedded Mental Health Professional Pilot Program***

Wrucke distributed and presented a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Embedded Mental Health Professional Pilot Program." Wrucke reported that in the three weeks since the crisis worker has been at the Sheriff's Department, the response time has significantly decreased from 47 minutes down to 19.8 minutes.

Madden asked what kind of interfacing the crisis worker has with family members and volunteered to give the crisis workers NAMI business cards to distribute so that the family can call for information on what their relative is going through and for support.

Seibel-Garvey left at 12:40 p.m.

Thompson stated that a large percentage of mental health calls are from the City of Waukesha, which is why he would advocate for a crisis worker to be embedded in his department as well.

**Update on Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant Implementation**

Luczaj reported that Waukesha County is currently underspent in the grant, so she hopes to utilize grant funds to sustain the embedded crisis worker at the Sheriff's Department from July 1 – September 30, 2022. Then, if Waukesha County is approved for the second round of JMHCP grant funding, a 3-year grant for up to \$750,000 effective October 1, 2022, the embedded mental health professional pilot could be sustained and possibly expanded to other departments and/or additional staff could be added to cover more shifts at the Sheriff's Department.

Yauchler reported that the Whole Health contract has been signed. Whole Health will be providing the crisis stabilization services for Waukesha County as part of the grant. There are currently six individuals enrolled in crisis stabilization services with the Clinical Therapist.

### **Discuss Mandatory Medication Coverage for Individuals on Chapter 51 Commitments**

Yauchler reported that there is currently some funding built into the budget to assist uninsured patients with the cost of medication. Prior to using tax levy funding, Waukesha County will evaluate if there are any current grants to assist in payment, as well as work with Genoa Pharmacy to determine if sample medications can be used.

If neither of the above options are available, the client would apply for funding with the HHS Fiscal staff – a process initiated with the Court Services Monitor. As part of the process, clients would be encouraged to apply for benefits through Economic Support Services. With this process, Waukesha County would pay Genoa Pharmacy for the medication until the client obtains insurance. The client would then accrue a Waukesha County bill and set up a payment plan. This part of the bill would not be sent to Collections.

If a client refuses to apply for benefits or medication assistance and has a Chapter 51 Commitment Order, Waukesha County will work with Genoa to pay for the medication and then send the client the bill – again, not sending the medication portion to Collections. This scenario would need to be approved by the Clinical Director or Administrator.

### **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) / Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) Training Update**

Madden reported that there was a dispatch training held recently for 40 people, 4 of whom were Waukesha dispatchers. Madden hopes that there will be more funds available for future dispatch training.

The last weeklong CIT training was held the week of September 27, was funded by ProHealth Care, and included 5 City of Brookfield officers.

The annual CIP training was recently completed for jail correctional staff.

The CIT grant from NAMI Wisconsin has been increased from \$150,000 to \$500,000.

The next CIT training will be held in March 2022.

### **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

There were no additional agenda items discussed for the next meeting.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Madden moved, second by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.